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SUBJECT: REQUIREMENTS FOR CAMBODIA PROGRAM SUPPORT

REF: A. BANGKOK 3523; B. ERNST/AMBASSADOR MEMO

FOR MOTT FROM OLMSTED

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1. APPRECIATE CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED IN REF A. BE ASSURED THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION TO UTILIZE AIRCRAFT FOR UNAUTHORIZED MOVEMENT OF COMMODITIES. WE INTEND TO COMPLY WITH ALL RTG REGULATIONS AND FORMALITIES. PASSENGERS ON CHARTER AIRCRAFT WOULD TAKE NO MORE LUGGAGE THAN THEY WOULD NOW BE PERMITTED TO TAKE ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULED AIR CARRIER AND SUCH LUGGAGE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME SCRUTINY WHICH IT WOULD BE IF THE EMPLOYEE WERE TRAVELLING ON AN INTERNATIONAL CARRIER. WITH REGARD TO SHIPMENT OF OTHER SUPPLIES, WE EXPECT THIS WILL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME WAY AS SUCH SHIPMENTS ARE HANDLED NOW ON SCHEDULED AIR CARRIERS OR ON SUCH CHARTER FLIGHTS WHICH WE HAVE ARRANGED FROM TIME TO TIME. CONSEQUENTLY SEE NO PROBLEM WITH PROCEDURES OUTLINED REF A.

2. IN BOTH REF A., PARA 4 AND IN REF B. THERE IS INTIMATION THAT RTG APPROVAL REMAINS PROBLEMATIC. ON THE BASIS OF MOTT/OLMSTED CONVERSATION OF FEBRUARY 7, IN WHICH WE WERE ADVISED  
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OF RTG INFORMAL FAVORABLE REACTION, WE HAVE ASSUMED THAT RTG APPROVAL WOULD BE OBTAINED. ALSO OUR PERSONNEL PLANNING AND OUR

PROGRAM OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN BASED ON THE ESTIMATE MADE IN THAT DISCUSSION, NAMELY WE COULD EXPECT FAVORABLE DECISION AROUND THE FIRST OF MARCH.

3. WE FACE A NUMBER OF URGENT AND CRITICAL PROBLEMS ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT. IN ORDER TO ASSURE CAMBODIA'S ECONOMIC SURVIVAL, WE ARE INCREASING OUR PROGRAM EFFORTS IN SUCH AREAS AS AUGMENTING DOMESTIC CARGO MOVEMENT WITHIN CAMBODIA AS PART OF AN ANTI-INFLATION FIGHT, INSTITUTING NEW QUICK YIELDING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT FOOD SUPPLY IN PHNOM PENH IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WORKING WITH THE GKR ON BUDGETARY MATTERS TO ASSURE APPROPRIATE PRIORITY IN GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES, INCREASING OUR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT EFFORTS ON THE MEKONG CONVOY OPERATIONS, AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING OUR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT CRITICAL INFRA-STRUCTURE FACILITIES. ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES REQUIRE INCREASED PERSONNEL AND MORE IMPORTANTLY REQUIRE THEM NOW. THE FOREGOING IS INTENDED BY WAY OF BACKGROUND TO HIGHLIGHT BOTH THE CRITICALITY AND THE URGENCY OF USG NEEDS IN CAMBODIA.

4. WITH REGARD TO REF B. COMMENT THAT SAIGON REPRESENTS AN ALTERNATIVE, SAIGON AS ALTERNATIVE WAS CONSIDERED AT GREAT LENGTH. FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS IT WAS REJECTED AND TO RECONSIDER IT AGAIN AT THIS DATE WOULD PRESENT US WITH GRAVE DIFFICULTIES BOTH ON THE PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL SIDES.

5. WITH REGARD FURTHER TO REF B. WE ARE AS ANXIOUS AS THE RTG TO NAIL DOWN ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED OFFICE. IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO IN THIS REGARD SUCH AS EITHER A WRITTEN STATEMENT, OR AN ORAL PRESENTATION BY ME, PLEASE BE ASSURED I AM READY TO UNDERTAKE EITHER AT SHORT NOTICE.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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